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To Mr. Nicholas Hayward &c.

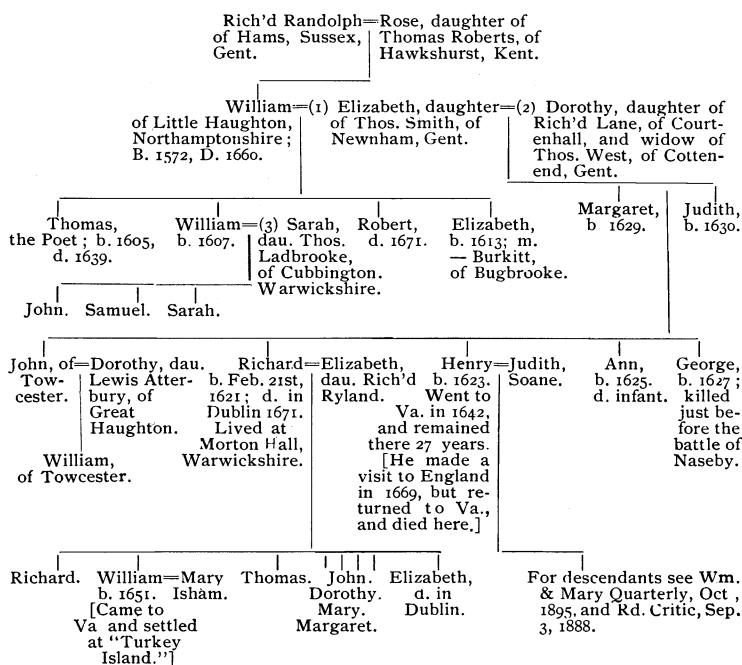
Major Robert Beverley and His Descendants.

By W. G. STANARD.

(CONTINUED.)

12. ELIZABETH BEVERLEY³ (*Peter*,² *Robert*¹), second daughter, b. Jan. 1st, 1691, d. Dec. 26, 1723; married June 22d, 1709, Colonel William Randolph, Jr., of "Turkey Island," Henrico county (son of Colonel William Randolph* of the same place, who was born 1651, came

*The following pedigree of the Randolphs is chiefly from an heraldic visitation of Northamptonshire:



to Virginia about 1669, and was clerk of Henrico county, many years member of the House of Burgesses, of which he was Speaker in 1698; married Mary, daughter of Henry Isham, and died April 11, 1711), who was born Nov. 1681, and died October 19, 1742. He was appointed clerk of Henrico county, May 1710, and held the office until May 1720; was clerk of the House of Burgesses 1702-'12 (*Henrico Records*); appointed justice of Henrico, February 1720-'21, and member of the Council, 1728 (*Sainsbury Abstracts*). His tomb is at "Turkey Island," with the following epitaph :

" Here lieth the Honourable WILLIAM RANDOLPH
 Esq eldest Son of Col. William Randolph
 of this place and of Mary his wife who was
 of the Antient & Eminent family of Northampton-
 shire, having been introduced early in Business
 and passed through many of the inferiour offices
 of Government with great Reputation & eminent Capacity
 He was at last
 By his Majesty's happy choice & the universal
 approbation of his Country advanced to the
 Council. His experience in men & business
 the native gravity & dignity of his person & behaviour
 his attachment to the interests of his Country
 knowledge of the laws in general & of the
 laws & constitution of this Colony in particular
 his integrity above all Calumny or suspicion
 the acuteness of his parts & the extensiveness
 of his genius together with the solidity of
 sense & judgment which was ever predom-
 inant in all he said or did—rendered
 him not only equal but an ornament
 to the high office he bore & had made
 him universally lamented as a most
 able and impartial judge & as an upright
 & useful magistrate. In all other respects
 neither was he less conspicuous for
 a certain Majestic plainness of sense
 & honour which carried him through
 all parts of private life with an equal
 dignity & reputation & deservedly obtained
 him the character of a just good man
 in all the severall dutys & relations
 of life. Natus Novr. 1681. Mortuus Oct. 19, 1742
 Anno. Ætatis 61 "

The tomb of his wife is also at "Turkey Island," with the following inscription:

"This monument is erected
in memory of
Elizabeth Randolph
late wife of William Randolph
of the county of Henrico Gent.
& second daughter of Peter
Beverley of the county of
Gloucester, Esq., by Elizabeth his wife
who was daughter of Robert Peyton
of an Antient Family in
Norfolk, Gent:
She was born the 1st day of Jan: 1691
Was married the 22d of June 1709
And died 26 day of Decem: 1723
Much lamented by her Husband &
all who knew her."

William and Elizabeth Randolph had issue: (1) Beverley, of "Turkey Island," *d. s. p.*; (2) Peter, of "Chatsworth," member of Council, and Surveyor-General of the Customs for the Middle District of North America; (3) William, of "Wilton;" (4) Mary, married John Price; (5) Elizabeth, married Colonel John Chiswell.

Following is a copy of the will of Colonel Wm. Randolph:

In the name of God Amen. I, William Randolph of Henrico County do make this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following, I recommend my Soul to God hoping through the merits & mediation of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to receive pardon & remission of my sin. As to my Body I give it, to be disposed of & buried at the discretion of my Executors. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Eight Hundred Pounds Sterling, & One Hundred Pounds Currant Money, with a New Chaise & Harness for Six Horses which I have sent for, together with six horses of her own choosing. Item. I give & devise unto my Son Peter Randolph & his Heirs forever all my Land lying at West Ham, not before given him, with Sixteen Negroes thereon. I also give and Devise to him & his Heirs forever my tract of Land at Letalone in Goochland County containing Nine Hundred & Odd Acres with Seven Negroes belonging thereto, also all my Land at the Fork of Appomattox that lyeth on the North Side of the River, & not before given to his Brother Beverly Randolph, with Seven Negroes belonging thereto. Item. I give & devise unto my Son William Randolph & his Heirs forever all my Land lying on the Branches of Fighting Creek in Goochland County containing Seven Thousand & odd acres with all the

Negroes thereon except those herein otherwise given. I also give him Two Negroes named Hercules & Isaac. Item. I give unto Sarah Cobb for the use of the Daughter One Hundred Pounds Currant Money. I also give unto her Daughter Sarah Stagg all my Land on the South Side of Appomattox River to be to her and the Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten forever & for want of such Heirs then to return to my Son William Randolph & his Heirs forever. I also annex to the said Land for the uses aforementioned Five Negroes named Redriff Affey, Bagwel Jack & Phibby. Item. I give unto my Son Peter Randolph Two Negroes named Jenny & Flora. All the rest & residue of my Estate Real & Personall I give unto my Son Beverley & his Heirs forever except as followeth, I give unto my Daughter Mary Five Negroes Named Phibby, Mirtilla Phillis & her Three children. I give unto my Son William Randolph all my Plate & Household goods on the Plantation where I live in Goochland County. It is my will that the Stock Tools & utensils on the several Lands be given therewith. It is also my will that the Slaves & Plantations herein particularly given be kept together by my Executor untill my Legacies shall be paid out of the Profits thereof. Item. I give Two Hundred Pounds Sterling which is owing to me from my Son in Law John Chiswell unto his Daughter Elizabeth & Susannah to be put out to interest by my Executors for their use.

Lastly I do appoint my Three Sons Beverly Randolph, Peter Randolph & William Randolph, Executors of this my Last will & Testament & it is my direction that my Executors be not obliged to Inventory or appraise my Estate.

Witness my Hand & seal the Seventeenth Day of October One Thousand Seven Hundred & Forty Two.

WILLIAM RANDOLPH (seal)

This will was signed sealed & published in the presence of us. Wm. Mayo. Saml. Cobbs. John Scruggs. Thos. Carter. Richard Povall.

At a Court held for Goochland County Novemb. 16. 1742. This Will was proved by the Oaths of William Mayo, Theodrick Carter, and John Scruggs to be the Last will and Testament of the Honble William Randolph, Esqr. Dec'd. which was ordered to be Recorded.

Test.

HENRY WOOD Cl. Curt.

A copy—Teste.

P. G. MILLER, Deputy Clerk
for William Miller, Clerk G. Co. Ct.

Sept. 18, 1894.

II. SUSANNA^a BEVERLEY (*Peter*,^a *Robert*,¹) youngest daughter, born —; died —; married Sir John Randolph, of Williamsburg (son of Colonel William Randolph, the elder, of "Turkey Island") who was born 1693, died March 9, 1737. He was educated at William and Mary College, Gray's Inn, and The Temple; and after finishing his legal studies in England returned to Virginia, settled in Williamsburg (though he had estates in Gloucester, where he was at one time County Lieutenant), and at an early age was appointed Attorney General of Virginia. He represented William and Mary College in the House of Burgesses, and in 1730, while visiting England, it is said to obtain a renewal of the College charter, he was knighted. In 1736 he was chosen Speaker of the House of Burgesses and Treasurer, and in the same year, the first recorder of the new borough of Norfolk. Sir John seems to have been considered to have been at the head of the bar in his day, and to have been generally regarded as a man of great talents and acquirements. His nephew, William Stith, says that he (Randolph) intended to write a preface to the laws of Virginia, "and therein to give an historical account of our Constitution and government, but was prevented from prosecuting it into effect by his many and weighty public employments and by the vast burden of private business from his clients." Stith made use of the materials his uncle had collected.

The following obituary notice of Sir John appeared in *The Virginia Gazette* for the week ending March 11, 1736-7:

"WILLIAMSBURG, March 11.—On Monday last, the Hon. Sir John Randolph, Knt., Speaker of the House of Burgesses, Treasurer of this Colony, and Representative for William and Mary College, was interred in the Chapel of the said College. He was (according to his own Directions) carried from his House to the Place of Interment, by Six honest, industrious, poor House-keepers of Bruton Parrish; who are to have Twenty Pounds divided among them: And the Rev. Mr. Dawson, one of the Professors of that College, pronounced a Funeral Oration in Latin. His Corps was attended by a very numerous Assembly of Gentlemen and others, who paid the last Honours to him, with great Solemnity, Decency, and Respect. He was in the 44th Year of his Age.

"He was a Gentleman of one of the best Families in this Country. Altho' what Livy says of the Romans, soon after the Foundation of their City, be very applicable to us here (in novo populo, ubi omnis repentina nobilitas fit,) yet his family was of no mean Figure in England, before it was transplanted hither. Sir THOMAS RANDOLPH was of a Collateral Branch, which had the Honour, in several important Embassies, to serve Q. ELIZABETH, one of the wisest Princes that ever sat on an English Throne, very nice and difficult, and happy, even to a Proverb, in the Choice of her Ministers. Among these, Sir Thomas made no inconsiderable Figure, and is acknowledged to have been a Man of great Parts and Ability, and every Way equal to the Emploiments which he

bore. Mr. THOMAS Randolph, the poet, was great Uncle to Sir JOHN. An immature Death put a Stop to his rising Genius and Fame ; but he had gained such a Reputation among the Wits of his age, that he was exceedingly lamented ; And Ben Johnson always expressed his Love and Esteem for him, calling him by no other Title, but that of Son. The family were high Loyalists, in the Civil Wars, and being entirely broken and dispersed, Sir JOHN's father resolved (as many other Cavaliers did) to take his Fortune in this Part of the World.

"By his Mother's side, he was related to the Ishams of Northamptonshire, an ancient and eminent Family of that County.

"Sir JOHN discovered, from his earliest Childhood, a great Propensity to Letters. To improve which, he was first put under the Care of a Protestant Clergyman, who came over among the French Refugees. But afterwards he received a fuller and more complete Education in William and Mary College ; for which Place (with a Gratitude usual to Persons who make a proper use of the Advantages, to be reached in such Seminaries) he always expressed the greatest Love and Respect not only in Words, but by doing real and substantial Services. He finished his Studies, in the Law, in Grays' Inn, and the Temple, and having put on his Barrister's Gown, returned to his Native Country ; where from his very first appearance at the Bar, he was ranked among the Practitioners of the first Figure and Distinction.

"His Parts were bright and strong, his learning extensive and useful. If he was liable to any Censure in this Respect, it was for too great a Luxuriancy and Abundance ; and what Quintilian says of Ovid, may, with great Propriety, be applied to him : *Quantum vir ille praeestare potuerit, si ingenio suo temperare quam indulgre moluisset* ?

"In the several Relations of a Husband, a Father, a Friend, he was a most extraordinary Example ; being a kind and affectionate Husband, without Fondness or Ostentation ; a tender and indulgent Parent, without Weakness or Folly ; a sincere and hearty Friend, without Profession or Flattery. Sincerity indeed, ran through the whole Course of his Life, with an even and uninterrupted Current ; and added no small Beauty and Lustre to his Character, both in Private and Publick.

"As he received a noble Income, for Services in his Profession and Emploiments, so he, in some Measure, made a Return, by a most generous, open, and elegant Table. But the Plenty, Conduct, and Hospitality which appeared there, reflect an equal Praise on himself and his Lady.

"Altho' he was an excellent Father of a Family, and careful enough in his own private Concerns, yet he was even more attentive to what regarded the Interest of the Publick. His Sufficiency and Integrity, his strict Justice and Impartiality, in the Discharge of his Offices, are above Commendation, and beyond all reasonable Contradiction. Many of us May deplore a private Friend ; but what I think all ought to lament,

is the Loss of a publick Friend ; an Assertor of the just Rights and natural Liberties of Mankind ; an Enemy to Oppression ; a Support to the Distressed ; and a Protector of the Poor and indigent, whose cause he willingly undertook, and whose Fees he constantly remitted, when he thought the Paiment of them would be grievous to themselves or Families. In short, he always pursued the Publick Good, as far as his judgment would carry him ; which, as it was not infallible, so it may, without Disparagement to any, be placed among the best, that have ever been concerned in the Administration of the Affairs of this Colony.

“The following Particular may perhaps be thought trifling. However I cannot help observing, that all these accomplishments received an additional Grace and Ornament from his Person ; which was of the finest Turn imaginable. He had to an eminent Degree, that *ingenua totius corporis pulchritudo & quidam senatorius decor*, which Pliny mentions, and which is somewhere not unhappily translated, ‘The Air of a Man of Quality.’ For there was something very Great and Noble in his Presence and Deportment, which at first Sight bespoke and highly became, that Dignity and Eminence, which his Merit had obtained him in this country.”

The Virginia Gazette of April 20, 1739, says: “A beautiful Monument of curious Workmanship, in Marble, was lately erected in the Chapel of the College of *William and Mary*, to the Memory of Sir *John Randolph*, Knight, who was interred there ; and which has the following inscription upon it :

Hoc juxta marmor S. E.
 JOHANNES RANDOLPH, Eques:
 Hujus Collegii dulce Ornamentum, Alumnus
 Insigne Praesidium *Gubernator*
 Grande Column *Senator*,
 GULIELMUM Patrem Generosum
 MARIAM ex ISHAMORUM Stirpe
 In Agro *Northamptoniensi* Matrem
 Praeclaris dotibus honestavit
 Filius natu Sextus
 Literis humanioribus
 Artibusque ingenuis fideliter instructus
 (Illi quippe fuerat tum Eruditionis,
 Tum Doctrinae sitis nunquam explenda.)
 Hospitium *Graiense* concessit,
 Quo in Domicilio
 Studiis unice deditus
 Statim inter Legum peritos excelluit,
 Togamque induit;
 Causis validissimus agendis

In Patriam
 Quam semper habuit charissimam reversus,
Causidici
 Senatus primum *Clerici* deinde *Procloloris*
Thesaurii
Legati ad *Anglos* semel atque iterum missi
Glaucestriae demum *Curiae Judicis Primarii*
 Vices arduas honestasque sustinuit
 Perite, graviter integre:
 Quibus in Muniis
 Vix parem habuit
 Superiorem certe Neminem
 Hos omnes quos optime meruit Honores
 Cum ingenua totius Corporis pulchritudo
 Et quidam Senatorius decor,
 Tum eximum Ingenū acumen
 Egregie illustrarunt.
 At *Æquitas* summi juris expers
 Clientum fidele omnium
 Panperorum sine *Mercede* *Patrocinium*
 Hospitium sine luxu splendidum
 Veritas sine fuco
 Sine fastu *Charitas*.
 Ceteris *Animi Vertutibus*
 Tacile praetulerunt.
 Tandem
 Laboribus Vigiliisque fractus,
 Morboque lentissimo confectus
 Cum sibi satis, sed Amicis, sed Reip: parum vixisset,
 SUSANNAM
 PETRI BEVERLEY, Armigeri
 Filiam natu minimam
 Conjugem delectissimam,
 (Ex qua tres Filios Filiamque unicam suscepit)
 Sui magno languentem desiderio
 Relequit
 Sixto Non: Mar: Anno Dom: 1736-7
 Ætate: 44."

This tablet was destroyed in the fire of 1859.

Sir John and Susanna (Beverley) Randolph had issue: (1) John, Attorney-General of Virginia, and father of Edmund Randolph; (2) Peyton, first President of Congress; (3) Beverley; (4) Mary, married Philip Grymes, of "Brandon," Middlesex.

13. WILLIAM⁸ BEVERLEY (*Robert*,¹ *Robert*¹), born about 1698; died in or before 1766; lived at "Blandfield," Essex county, which he built, and which still remains. He was clerk of Essex 1716-'45; member of the House of Burgesses from Orange 1736 (*Virginia Historical Register*, III), and from Essex 1744, 1745, 1748, 1751, and doubtless in other years [*Journals of Burgesses*, and *Burk's Virginia III*]. In 1741 he was appointed county lieutenant of Orange and Augusta counties [*Waddell's Augusta County*], and in 1751 was appointed to the Council. Colonel William Beverley married Elizabeth (born May 29th, 1706) daughter of Richard Bland, of "Jordon's Point," Prince George county [*Bland Papers*]. Besides various patents of several thousand acres each, he, with Sir John Randolph, Richard Randolph and John Robinson, obtained on September 6, 1736, a grant of 118,490 acres, "called the Mannor of Beverley," in Orange county. This great tract, more commonly known as "Beverley Manor," was situated in the present Augusta county, and appears, from the deeds on record in Augusta, to have belonged chiefly to William Beverley. Beverley Manor is still the name of a district in Augusta county.

Letters written by Colonel William Beverley have been printed in the *Calendar of Virginia State Papers*, Vol. I, and in the *William and Mary Quarterly* for July, 1895.

William Beverley's will is not on record in Essex or Orange counties. If he made one it was probably recorded in the General Court, and has now been destroyed.

Issue: 24. *Robert*; ⁴ 25. *Ursula*; ⁴ 26. Elizabeth, ⁴ married James Mills; 27. *Anne*.⁴

14. ELIZABETH⁸ BEVERLEY (*Harry*,² *Robert*,¹) "baptized by Mr. Gray at Esquire Wormeley's, 9th November, 1697;" married (his second wife) August 18, 1717 (*Register of Ch. Church, Middlesex*), William Stanard, born February 15, 1682, died December 3d, 1732 (son of William Stanard, of Middlesex Co., and his wife, Eltonhead, widow of Henry Thacker, and daughter of Edwin Conway and Martha Eltonhead, his wife, W. S. and E. T. were married about 1676) Clerk of Middlesex 1704-'32. There is recorded in Middlesex a letter, dated "King & Queen, 17th April, 1704," from Chichley Corbin Thacker, Deputy Secretary of the Colony, to the Court of Middlesex, stating "That I need not tell you of my sorrow for the death of your late clerk," and thanking them for recommending to the Governor, his brother, William Stanard, to succeed his brother, Edwin Thacker, as clerk. There is also recorded the commission, dated September 20, 1716, (signed by William Cocke, Secretary of State), of William Stanard, Gent., as Clerk; and a power of attorney, dated May 16, 1716, from William Stanard, of Middlesex, Gent., intending to go to England. In the *Sainsbury Abstracts* it appears that "Mr. William Stanheard, clerk of one of the county courts," was in London in 1716, and was one of the

persons who testified before the Board of Trade and Plantation in regard to tobacco. He died intestate, and on July 3d, 1733, administration was granted to his widow Elizabeth, with Rev. Bartholomew Yates and Edwin Thacker as securities. On July 12, 1733, the Court of Caroline county ordered that John Gibson, Robert Key, and Richard and John Taliaferro appraise the estate, in that county, of William Stanard, gentleman, deceased. In Spotsylvania county, July 3d, 1733, the court, on motion of Beverley Winslow, gent., in behalf of Mrs. Elizabeth Stanard, administratrix of William Stanard, deceased, late of Middlesex county, for the appraisement of said decedent's estate in Spotsylvania, it was so ordered and the appraisers reported that they met at "the plantation of Mr. William Stanard, deceased, and appraised all such personal estate as was shown to them at the lower quarter in this county"; including eight negroes, &c., valued at £195. 4. 2.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stanard died 1747. Her will is as follows:

In the name of God amen.

I Elizabeth Stanard widow of the Parish of Christ church and county of Middlesex being in perfect sense and memory.

Knowing the uncertainty of human life and being willing that my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with, should be disposed of in such manner after my decease as I shall hereafter direct, Do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz:

Imprimis. I do bequeath my soul to God in hopes of a joyful resurrection unto eternal life through the merits and intercession of my dear redeemer and Saviour Jesus Christ, my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in such manner as my ex'or hereafter named shall think proper.

Item. My will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid and discharged.

Item. I desire that none of my estate be appraised.

Item. I give unto my dear son Beverly Stanard all my tract of land in Spotsylvania county called and known by the name of Stanford he paying to each of my daughters Elizabeth and Sarah one hundred pounds Current money apiece at the expiration of six years after my decease, and my will and meaning is that if my said son should refuse to pay my two daughters the said sum before mentioned at said expiration of the said six years, then I give the said land to my two daughters to be equally divided between them.

Item. I give unto my dear son Beverly Stanard all the rest of my estate, he paying each of my daughters a negro girl of nine years old at my decease.

Item. I constitute and appoint my loving son Beverley Stanard executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of April, 1745.

ELIZA. STANARD.

Signed and declared to be her last will and testament in the presence of us. Randolph Segar. Ann Segar.

At a court held for Middlesex county on Tuesday the 7th day of July, 1747.

This will was proved by the oaths of Randolph Segar and Ann Segar the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And the within named Beverly Stanard having taken the oath of an executor, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat in due form.

Teste. JNO. PRICE.

Truly recorded—Teste. JNO. PRICE.

A copy—Teste.

P. T. WOODWARD, C. M. C. C.

December 7th, 1882.

The inventory of her estate, dated July 30, 1747, was recorded in Middlesex. Among the articles enumerated were: beds, 2 dressing-tables, 2 bedsteads, tables, 10 high-backed chairs, 2 low do., a large looking-glass, 12 "cain" chairs, 1 dozen ivory-handled forks and 11 knives, 1 walnut cabinet, 1 "cain" couch, 1 dozen silver soup spoons, 1 large silver soup spoon, 7 tea spoons, 1 pair tongs, 1 salver, 2 dozen and 5 shallow plates, 8 dishes, table-cloths, napkins, 1 tea-board, 1 large and 1 small china bowl, 8 china tea cups and 6 saucers, 1 china teapot, 1 earthen do., 1 dozen delf soup plates, 1 dozen do. of shallow, 1 dozen large delf bowls, dishes, basins, 3 drinking glasses, 1 sugar canister, a parcel of tea canisters and vials, 1 cream pot, 1 tea kettle, a parcel of old books, 6 draught oxen, 27 cattle, 7 calves, 55 hogs, shoats and pigs, 21 sheep and lambs, 1 four-wheeled chaise, &c., &c.

William Stanard had issue by this marriage (1) Beverley, of "Roxbury," Spotsylvania county; (2) Elizabeth m. 1741, Bartholomew Yates (3) Sarah. By his first m., with Anne Hazlewood, he had Ann, born June 26, 1711; married (I) April 10, 1729, Robert^s Beverley, of "Newlands," Spotsylvania, and (II) Colonel William Waller, of Spotsylvania.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]